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Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act was adopted in 1993. It's often referred to as the Brady Bill. It requires Federal background checks to be conducted on firearm purchases. Until the National Instant Check System was implemented in 1998, a five day waiting period was in effect on purchases. Now, if a background check is not completed within three days, the gun dealer has the discretion to sell the weapon.

Earlier this summer, a gun store in Charleston, South Carolina exercised that discretion. Three days had elapsed after Dylann Roof had purchased his gun. Due to errors made by the people filling in the NICS forms, the background check was not



completed within that time. Roof was a prohibited possessor based on prior convictions. The store chose to sell him the weapon instead of waiting for the complete background check. The gun was later used to murder nine members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch has since announced Federal Hate Crimes charges will be brought against Roof.



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department

911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues

791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance

791-3154

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts

791-3171

Neighborhood Resources

837-5013

SunTran/SunLink

792-9222

TDD: 628-1565

Environmental Services

791-3171

Park Wise

791-5071

Planning and Development Services

791-5550

Pima Animal Care Center

724-5900

Pima County Vector Control

Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 243-7999

Continued: A Message From Steve

Currently, 92% of Brady background checks through NICS are completed while the FBI is still on the phone with the gun dealer. According to its own records, the FBI in 2014 processed 8.2 million background checks for 30 states – the other states conduct their own – and either approved or denied purchases in more than 7.9 million of them. About 228,000 were *unresolved within three days*.

Last Month, Congressman Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) joined Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL), Phoenix gun dealer Chris Kitaeff, and Brady Campaign President Dan Gross in encouraging Attorney General Loretta Lynch to step up enforcement actions against gun dealers who are known to sell weapons to straw purchasers. A straw purchase is when one person buys a gun for another, knowing that the ultimate recipient of the weapon is a prohibited possessor. In addition, Gallego and the others expressed their support for gun dealers' adopting the Brady Code of Conduct.

On September 9th, through a Memorial, I will be asking my colleagues to join me in supporting Representative Gallego in both of these initiatives. That is, asking the A.G. to crack down on straw purchases and encouraging local gun dealers to adopt the Brady Code of Conduct.

Here's a comment from Congressman Gallego that comes from his "Dear Colleague" letter in which he urged similar action from members of Congress:

"I applaud gun retailers that already abide by Brady's Code of Conduct by not selling a gun until a background check is complete. And I call on ATF to work with local law enforcement to identify, reform, shut down and prosecute 'bad apple' gun dealers. Keeping guns out of the hands of criminals should be a priority - it is common sense, and it is critical in order to keep our communities safe."

Jim Brady was an Assistant to the President under Ronald Reagan. In 1981, he was shot in an assassination attempt aimed at the President. Brady was disabled from then until his death last year. Four days after his death, and 33 years after he had been shot, his death was ruled a homicide.

The Brady Code of Conduct comes out of the work done in support of gun control through the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. The Brady Bill requires that background checks be conducted on individuals before a firearm may be purchased from a federally licensed dealer, manufacturer, or importer. The Code of Conduct has this statement:

Refuse to transfer a firearm until a background check has been completed and the purchaser is cleared to purchase the firearm.

While the Code cannot contemplate all of the unique circumstances under which a particular gun will change hands, it does set in place standards that, if followed on all sales, will significantly reduce the likelihood that a prohibited possessor will be sold a weapon. Here's the full text of the Code:



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542
Tucson Office: 520-
881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug
Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
[http://
maps.tucsonaz.gov/
/zoomTucson/](http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/)

The gun dealer commits to do all that it reasonably can to prevent dangerous people from obtaining and using firearms, including, but not limited to, doing the following:

1. Prevent sales of guns to straw purchasers or gun traffickers.

Law enforcement has long recognized that many criminals obtain guns through straw purchasers and gun traffickers who buy guns from licensed gun dealers in order to supply the criminal market. It is the duty of gun dealers to deny sales where there is a sufficient likelihood or suspicion that it is a straw purchase—that is, that the gun is not intended for the person completing the required federal form (Form 4473). Gun dealers should therefore do all they reasonably can to prevent sales to straw purchasers or gun traffickers, including, but not limited to:

Screen for and refuse to sell to straw purchasers, including by observing and asking questions of prospective purchasers to determine if they are buying for someone else.

Maintain records of all trace requests received from ATF and all purchasers that bought a gun later traced to crime to identify such potential purchasers if they attempt to purchase another firearm.

Screen for and refuse to sell guns or ammunition to purchasers that exhibit signs of alcohol intoxication, drug use or possession, or mental instability.

Prohibit dealer personnel from directing a customer as to how to answer questions or forms required to be completed in connection with the sale.

Limit purchases of handguns to one per 30 days per civilian, non-law enforcement customer.

2. Prevent sales to persons prohibited from buying guns or too dangerous to possess guns. As a result of the landmark Brady Law, federally-licensed gun dealers must check the buyer's background to make sure that he or she is not prohibited from possessing guns. Brady background checks have stopped more than 2.1 million gun sales to prohibited purchasers including convicted felons, domestic abusers, fugitives from justice, and other dangerous individuals. Gun dealers should therefore do all they reasonably can to ensure that background checks are as effective as possible, including, but not limited to:

Refuse to transfer a firearm until a background check has been completed and the purchaser is cleared to purchase the firearm.

Search state court and criminal government databases that may provide information on whether the potential purchaser is prohibited.

Refuse to sell a firearm to a potential purchaser if the dealer has information that the purchaser may be a danger to themselves or others.

Refuse to sell firearms at gun shows unless all firearm sales at such shows are conducted only upon completion of a background check.

Perform background checks for private sellers for a reasonable fee.

3. Prevent criminals from obtaining firearms through thefts.

Criminals sometimes obtain guns from gun dealers through theft, and those guns, necessarily, end up in the hands of criminals. Gun dealers should therefore do all they reasonably can to develop a safety plan to protect the dealership and deter theft, including, but not limited to:

Develop a plan that includes adequate locks, exterior lighting, surveillance cameras, alarm systems and other anti-theft measures and practices. The plan shall address the safe storage of weapons and ammunition that is displayed during business hours.

Electronically record the make, model, caliber or gauge, and serial number of all firearms that are acquired no later than one business day after their acquisition and electronically record their purchaser no later than one business day after their disposition. Monthly backups of these records shall be maintained in a secure container. All firearms acquired but not yet disposed of must be accounted for through a daily electronic inventory check that is maintained at a secure location.

Provide immediate notification of any and all loss or theft of any firearms to local and federal law enforcement authorities.

4. Ensure that employees are responsible, law-abiding people that are prepared to be effective gatekeepers.

To be an effective gatekeeper, gun dealers should employ responsible, diligent, law-abiding people, and develop and provide resources to equip its employees with the tools to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Gun dealers should therefore do all they reasonably can to employ responsible people that are trained to adhere to comprehensive and current compliance policies and procedures, including, but not limited to:

Conduct pre-employment background checks on all potential employees, including contacting references and prior employers, as well as conducting a criminal history check that is the same as what gun buyers have to complete.

Require that all new employees attend a training session prior to selling any firearms, and on an annual basis thereafter. The training sessions shall cover, at a minimum, the law governing firearm transfers; how to recognize straw purchases; how to recognize indicators that a person is attempting to purchase firearms illegally and may be diverting them for later sale or transfer, and how to respond to those attempts.

Review the circumstances surrounding each firearm at issue in each ATF Trace Request, including a review of the videotape or electronic recording of the sale. Any sales person who participates in a clear or obvious straw purchase in violation of store policy or law will be terminated and dealer will seek and support criminal prosecution, as appropriate.

Annual review and update of compliance policies, procedures and training materials; develop new policies, procedures and training materials that would have detected and prevented past sales to gun traffickers, straw purchasers or other dangerous people.

Produce a bi-annual report of the store's safety and compliance record, and make it available to the public; specifically highlighting the total number of guns traced to the store in the prior 6 months broken down by month; the number of known straw purchases either attempted or completed within the past 6 months broken down by month; and the number of violations cited by the ATF over the past 6 months.

5. Assist law enforcement to investigate and prevent criminal access to guns.

A gun dealer is the principal agent of federal enforcement in restricting criminals' access to firearms. Law enforcement relies on gun dealers to provide information to initiate, expand and pursue successful prosecutions of criminals that are unlawfully trying to obtain firearms. The gun dealer is often the "eyes and ears" for law enforcement and will be in possession of unique information that will be of vital assistance to law enforcement. Gun dealers should therefore do all they reasonably can to assist law enforcement, including,

but not limited to:

Immediately notify local and federal authorities of any suspected straw purchasers, prohibited purchasers or dangerous individuals who attempt to obtain guns.

Immediately notify local and federal authorities of any multiple handgun purchases that occur within any ninety day period.

Videotape (including audio) and/or electronically record (including audio) the point-of-sale of all firearms transactions and maintain the videos or electronic recordings for at least 5 years.

6. Maintain insurance for victims who are entitled to compensation.

Most businesses maintain adequate insurance to potentially compensate victims of wrongful conduct who are entitled to compensation. Victims of gun violence whose injury or loss was caused by the irresponsible practices of a gun dealer deserve to be compensated for their injuries. A responsible gun dealer should not keep profits that resulted from its failure to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Gun dealers should therefore secure liability insurance that will insure the dealer against liability for damage to property and for injury to, or death of, any person as a result of the sale, lease or transfer of a firearm or ammunition.

Participating retailers will phase in the provisions of Code of Conduct within 6 months.

I have spoken with Chris Kitaeff, the gun dealer with whom Representative Gallego worked on his own Memorial to A.G. Lynch. Following the Sandy Hook student killings, Mr. Kitaeff, a gun dealer who works out of Phoenix, became outraged at the ease with which guns change hands. He will join us at our council meeting on the 9th in support of the Tucson Memorial. Others may well also be in attendance to show their support.

Last year, when I tried to get local gun stores to post hotlines for mental health assistance, and to ask their employees to take a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms online training session aimed at spotting straw purchases, the resistance was rigid. I'm hoping the continuation of killings we've seen since then will convince at least some of them to join us in support of the Brady Code of Conduct, and to speak out against 'bad apple' gun dealers who simply thumb their noses at the law.

More on this ahead of the 9th.

And for those who choose to dig in and continue to stand against some common sense gun safety, there may be some **Cosmic Payback** headed their way.

On Friday, July 31st, Lisa Maria Garza of Reuters reported on a guy in Texas who was "wounded after he fired a gun at an armadillo in his yard, and the bullet ricocheted back to hit him in his face." It seems the gentleman wandered out into his yard at 3:00am one morning and spotted the armadillo on his property. He opened fire with his .38 revolver, firing three times. His wife was in the house, and heard the commotion. She went outside and found the guy had been hit in the



jaw by the deflected bullet. He was airlifted to a nearby hospital where his jaw was wired shut.

No word on the whereabouts of the armadillo.



I share this in connection also with a sense of outrage over the killing of the lion in Zimbabwe. In fact, with a sense of outrage over 'Big Game Hunting' generally. I've travelled to Kenya and gone on game safaris all over that country – from the Masi Mara, to the border of the Sudan, and down towards Tanzania. That's shooting with a camera, not a gun. I cannot in my wildest dreams conceive of killing any of those wonderful wild animals and mounting a head above my

fireplace mantel.

Very much tangential to the Brady Code of Conduct, but somehow tied together by a sense that we have to be smarter with how we treat weapons, who they're sold to, and the purposes for which they're used.

I'll share the text of the Memorial once I've finished writing it. And I hope you can join us on the 9th in support of this message going forward to Congress, and to local gun stores.

Staying with the Animal Theme

We have finalized our list of participants for the September 12th dog licensing and rabies vaccination event we're hosting at the Ward 6 Office (3202 E 1st Street).

Mostly Cockers & Poms is a 501(c)(3) that's an active rescue here in town. They pull animals from PACC, and they also accept pets from the community, largely from pet owners who are deceased, headed into hospice or assisted living, or facing a family crisis. They'll be at the event on the 12th to share what they do and offer up some possible adoptions. They will also have pet gifts on hand for donations to your pooch. You can check out their work by going to mostlycockersandpoms.com.

Pet Club will also be joining us. They are one of the local retailers who get it when it comes to animal welfare and general involvement in the community. They'll be on site with goodies for the pooches. This will fill the available space at the office – the City and PACC doing licensing, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona and some affiliated pet docs doing the rabies vaccinations, No Kill Pima County, the Hermitage, plus the two adoptions listed above.

We'll start at 10am on the 12th and go until 2pm. We're still filling in details, so more on this to come.

Back to the Future

In the '60s and '70s, we wrestled with the war in Vietnam, with Watergate, and we tackled civil rights, environmental issues, and other fundamentals such as equal pay.



On Wednesday, we went back and took another stab at making sure people are paid the same, regardless of gender. Maybe we'll get it right this time, 40 years later.

What we agreed to do has three parts. First, we're going to do an internal assessment of City jobs to make sure there we are not guilty of maintaining disparate pay policies or practices. Second, we've asked staff to come back with recommendations as to how we can incorporate equal pay language into the contracts we have with outside vendors. Both of those should be pretty easy lifting.

Third, we will ask the Tucson-Pima County Women's Commission to take on the task of studying best practices and returning to us within 60 days with recommendations. That's a group of very committed and sharp women who will study the equal pay issue and put together ideas for us to consider. I've already spoken to my representative on the Commission and know that she's eager to bring us some policy ideas that are balanced and will ensure equal treatment for all.

Since the '60s, we've made significant progress as a nation. Yet we know from watching the nightly newscasts that there's still a long way to go. The City of Tucson joins other cities in the State in leading on the issue of equal pay.

More on Pay

Right now, the Mayor is paid \$3,500 per month and Council Members are paid \$2,000 monthly. By Charter, we have a group named the Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation. They have the authority to place a question for the voters on a regular elections ballot related to M&C pay. They've done that for this November's election.

The M&C's last salary increase given by the voters back in 1999. Since then our budget has increased by over 44%, the cumulative inflation rate is up over 37%, and our population has gone up by close to 7%. From a strictly numbers driven perspective, I'd have to say that some pay increase is due to M&C. And yet, that decision clearly isn't made in a vacuum.

These are very full-time jobs if one does it well. In recognition of that, the Commission is

recommending that the Mayor's salary jump from its current \$42,000 to just over \$48,000 annually. Council Members' pay would increase from \$24,000 to about \$27,500 per year. Neither is what you might call 'rich.' But that's not the reason we do these jobs.

I cannot advocate for positions on matters that will come before you all this fall using City resources like this newsletter. You'll hear about how nobody in the private sector is seeing pay increases, and how many are just happy to have avoided being laid off. You'll also hear the 'you get what you pay for' line: pay M&C like professionals, and the quality of candidates will improve. I don't have the crystal ball to answer whether or not either of those positions holds water. With this, like with so many other issues on the ballot this fall, you will have to do your own independent homework. They all affect your quality of life.

Election Instructions

Because the County has several questions on the November ballot, they will run this election. The impact of that is unless you're registered on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL), you won't automatically receive a ballot in your mailbox, as you may have previously in City-run elections. Per State law, the County cannot run an all-mail election, and they don't send ballots to all registered voters. We do.

On primary election day (August 25th), we will have seven different voting locations scattered around town. Here's a listing that shows when each will be open:

Voting Locations	Days of Operation	Hours of Operation
Department of Housing and Community Development 320 N Commerce Park Loop	August 25, 2015	6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Morris K. Udall Regional Center 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road	August 25, 2015	6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Donna R. Liggins Recreation Center 2160 N 6 th Avenue	August 25, 2015	6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
William Clements Recreation Center 8155 E. Poinciana Drive	August 25, 2015	6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
El Pueblo Senior Center 101 W. Irvington Road	August 25, 2015	6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Administration Randolph Park 900 S. Randolph Way	August 25, 2015	6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Tucson City Clerk Elections Center 800 E. 12 th Street	August 11- 24, 2015 August 25, 2015	8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

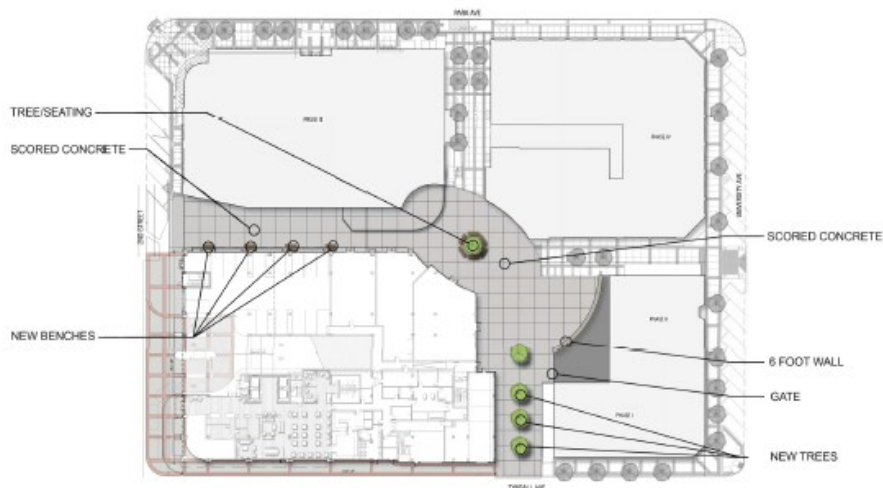
The most important thing to remember this fall is that you need to vote. Even if you get a ballot in the mail for the Primary, you won't for the General election unless you're on the PEVL. To make sure you are or to request mailing, call the City Clerk's Office at 791.3221, or call the County Recorder at 724.4330.

Residence Inn Off Campus

Last week, we approved some on-site tax incentives to help kick start a new hotel that will be located just off campus. The project will yield 155 new jobs and have an annual economic impact of over \$19M. That will come in the form of sales, property, and income tax receipts generated back into the local economy.

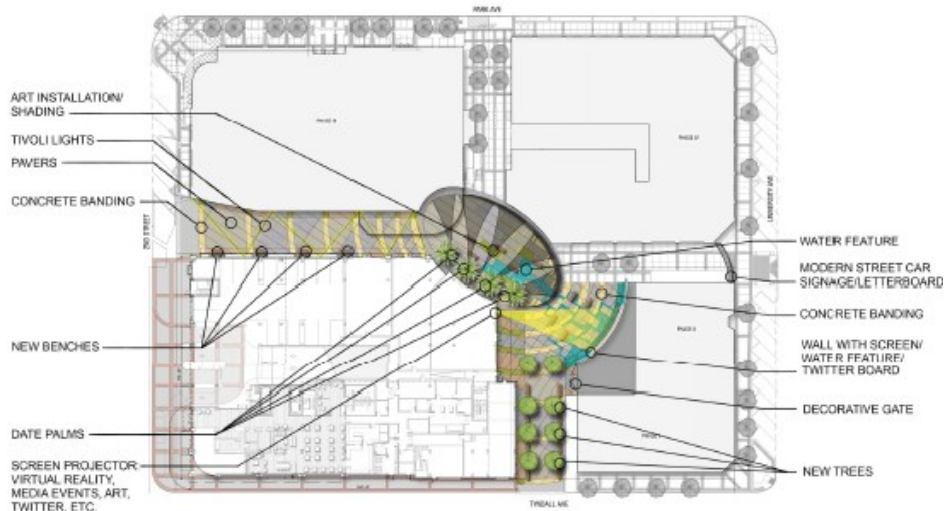
When we give incentives to assist a project, they have to result in benefits greater for the taxpaying public than what we're giving. In the case of this new hotel, the direct revenue to the City over the term of the incentives is \$4.9M, while the value of the benefits to the developer is capped at \$2M. Note also that the \$4.9M is 'direct' revenues. In our economic analyses, Applied Economics also counts what they call 'indirect' revenues. Those would be dollars generated by assumed new jobs created to help support the project, materials purchased in support of the project, and those sorts of things. I don't rely on 'indirects' when looking at the analysis because I think you can make them say whatever you're after. But *direct* is what the project itself generates. Those are for real.

The site specific taxes we're going to invest as incentives back into this project will go to enhance public spaces. I wanted to know what our \$2M was 'buying,' and so I requested staff to provide us a "with" and a "without" rendering of the hotel's public space. Here's what we're getting in upgrades to the public spaces as a result of the incentives.



Without the incentives...

And with the incentives...



You can see the site is in the Park/Tyndall area. It'll begin construction later this year, and the hoped for finish date is late 2016. Lots of benefits to the area, and lots of new dollars and jobs into the local economy.

More Redevelopment – TUSD Sites

Last week, we also put into place some expedited development guidelines for repurposed TUSD sites. I'd like to see similar measures adopted for all development plan reviews, but we've got resource issues, so this represents a good step in the right direction.

The changes include the following:

- Assignment of the Mayor-Manager Action Team
- Assignment of a dedicated Project/Portfolio Manager
- Expedite plan reviews (three days for tentative plats, final plats, development packages)
- Trade current building code gray water requirements for active water harvesting systems (residential projects only)
- Concurrent tentative plat/grading plan reviews
- Building Code Self Certification (on residential projects)

Defer building and grading permit fees to Certificate of Occupancy (commercial projects) or Final Inspection (residential project)

In the last four years, the TUSD Board has approved the closure and potential sale of nearly 20 schools. Each has the potential to become a new and productive asset in the neighborhoods in which they reside. Alternatively, each could be developed too intensely to match its contextual setting. For that reason, I pulled the item from our consent agenda for an open discussion about the need to continue with up-front neighborhood involvement, before staff and developers begin down the road of planning and design. We've seen some recent examples where the initial ideas had to be reconsidered, and we've ended up with more compatible development as a result. In fact, we're in the process of scheduling meetings to discuss this exact issue as it relates to the Townsend school site.

Given adequate staffing, we could move towards these sorts of incentives for more than just TUSD sites. Getting projects through review in a more timely manner would benefit all parties. But we can't do that at the expense of securing early and productive input from all stakeholders. That was not lost on anybody in the conversation last Wednesday evening at M&C. Done correctly, what we adopted yield good outcomes for all parties involved.

Civic Events

On Wednesday at 5:30pm, there will be a meeting over at TPD Westside Service Center (1310 W Miracle Mile) to talk about how we manage civic events. There's some history on how this important meeting came about.

Over the course of the past four years, I've met with well over a dozen civic event organizers, and now a combined four City Managers. The goal each time was to find ways to streamline the permitting process, perhaps find ways to bundle procurement bids so the

events can realize cost savings through bulk ordering, and generally to send the message that we as a jurisdiction understand the value of these activities to our local economy and are willing to do what is appropriate to keep them here and to help them thrive. If those meetings had been productive, we wouldn't be meeting on Wednesday.

This fall, the Festival and Event Association of Tucson and Southern Arizona (FEATSAZ) is hosting an international event manager convention and expo. It'll be held from September 21st through 23rd out at Starr Pass. See FEATSAZ.com for information on participating. The point here is that we'll be on an international stage next month with people who do civic events for a living, all over the world. We have an opportunity to attract some of them to our area. And, we have the opportunity to see events poached, as has happened too often in the past. Getting the permitting and application process issues resolved is a key part in selling Tucson.

A new application has been crafted by the City. You can review it here: [proposed application](#). There are also some new administrative directives which you can see here: [administrative directive](#). Both documents are up for comment on the 12th.

I've shared my thoughts on the application, bundling bids, and some of the directives. Generally, I think they need to be much further refined or they simply serve as a disincentive to trying to stage events with us. I know that belief is shared by several significant event organizers, many of whom will be at the event on Wednesday sharing their thoughts.

The meeting is open to all who have an interest in this component of our economy – and this component of who we are as a community. Think of losing Tucson Meet Yourself to one of the reservations or the 4th Avenue Street Fair to Marana or Oro Valley. If we don't up our game, those scenarios are not out of the question.



In case you cannot attend the Wednesday meeting, you can still review the documents and share your thoughts with the City. The point of contact is Greg Jackson – a good guy who is working hard to get this right. His email address is greg.jackson@tucsonaz.gov.

I've already done so – the text of which reads as follows:

In 2010, I first approached then City Manager Mike Letcher on the topic of streamlining the civic event permit process in an effort to preserve these activities. They speak to the fabric of who we are as a community. That conversation spun off into more meetings with City Manager Dick Miranda, and then Interim City Manager Martha Durkin. Each meeting included representatives of multiple local civic events. Throughout, the message was clear; civic events are both important economic drivers in our local economy, and signature activities that speak to who we are, and the values we reflect. They need to be protected, en-

hanced and expanded.

At the direction of Interim CM Durkin, an effort was initiated to update our application process. The resulting document is a step backwards, and one that poses the potential to drive events out of the City, not attract them.

On July 15th, I hosted a meeting with current City Manager Michael Ortega. Present at the meeting were Caitlin Jensen from the Downtown Tucson Partnership, and Kurt Tallis of the 4th Avenue Street Fair and FEATSAZ. The commitment was to observe the permitting process as it relates to the planning of the upcoming 10West event, and make adjustments based on that real life set of experiences. Based on that commitment, moving forward with implementation of the new application, including the administrative rules related to personal liability, is inappropriate and inconsistent with the spirit of that meeting.

This fall, FEATSAZ will play host to a conference that will include major event organizers from all over the world. We have an opportunity to demonstrate this City knows how to recruit, run and support civic events. While the current application does not reflect that standard, we have time to change that perception. I encourage all in appropriate staff to work towards that end.

It'd be great to see a full house of event people on Wednesday.

Tucson Water Online Survey

We offer a variety of water conservation tools through Tucson Water. They include rebates on high efficiency toilets, rainwater harvesting systems, efficient clothes washers, greywater systems, and more. Many of these have been available for years.

In cooperation with the UA, Tucson Water is gathering information on how familiar you are with what they offer and how you learned about it. Our goal is to improve our ability to get the word out and ultimately to get more people involved with water conservation.

Here's a link to a survey being conducted by our UA partners to help gather that data: <http://cesi.arizona.edu/survey>. It's anonymous, and it only takes a few minutes to complete. The goal is to reach a sample size of 620 respondents, each one a Tucson Water customer.

I've turned mine in, and I hope you'll also take a few minutes to help us gather this information. It's for the long-term good of the region.



Historic Landmark Designation

When we voted last month to attach the Historic Landmark zoning designation to the Valley of the Moon site, the process was uncharted waters. The result was some confusion in terms of what factors were really germane to our vote. Through the hard work of our Zoning Examiner and the various stakeholders, we got the designation, but left the experience

committed to revisiting that process in order to make it clearer for the next time. That next time is coming soon with the Broadway Village.



Rezoning a property as a Historic Landmark (HL) is similar to placing deed restrictions on it. You commit to maintain the site in a way that preserves its historic character. Because that limits what the owner can do with the property, even applying for the status must be initiated by the owner. It's an opt-in zoning change.

With Valley of the Moon, questions related to how the property was being used were inserted into the deliberations. On Wednesday of last week, we clarified that the only pertinent questions to be answered in an HL hearing are related to whether or not the property meets the qualifying criteria. Land use issues fall outside of that consideration. While we often have concerns related to how properties are being used, especially in residential settings, when we're evaluating a site for Historic Landmark status, those aren't a part of what should be weighed.

There are very specific criteria that properties will have to satisfy in order to even be allowed to opt-into the HL status. You can check into those by going to the City Preservation Office site, or give us a call and we can help you navigate the early part of that process. I believe the clarifications we adopted will make upcoming rezoning hearings clearer and hopefully less contentious than what we just went through. Achieving these protections is an important preservation step for the community.

Utility Box Murals



These are images from Boise, Idaho. As I've mentioned before, plenty of other jurisdictions are ahead of us in realizing that implementing programs such as these helps to beautify a city and reduce costs associated with graffiti vandalism.

This week, we'll be meeting with departmental representatives from both Environmental Services and TDOT to talk further about getting some pilots in place around the City.



Also participating in that meeting will be people from the Downtown Tucson Partnership and the Tucson Arts Brigade. Both of those groups are heavily invested in getting this work started.

You pay for graffiti abatement on every utility bill. Broken Record Alert: our for-profit utilities need to come aboard this effort, for all of the right reasons I've shared before.

This obviously isn't going to solve the graffiti problems we face. When we are able to identify and catch somebody defacing public or private property, we should be charging them with appropriate offenses. But there's also a place for the mural art program in our approach. It's good to see this continue to move forward.

Sincerely,



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Events and Entertainment

Memorial Service for TPD Officer

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 2 pm – 5 pm

Adair Funeral Home, 1050 N. Dodge Blvd.

A public visitation and memorial service will be held for TPD Officer Isaac Rosario, who died in an off-duty motor vehicle accident. The public is invited to attend and pay their respects and condolences to family members. The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Saint Augustine Cathedral (192 S. Stone Ave). Condolence cards may be sent to the Tucson Police Department, 270 South Stone Ave, Tucson, Arizona, 85701, attention Behavioral Sciences Unit. The cards will be collected and given to the family.

The Presidio Turns 240

Saturday, August 15, 2015, 9 am – 10 pm

Tohono Chul Parl, 7366 N Paseo del Norte

Ken Scoville examines the founding of our town and describes how a simple Spanish Presidio became the city we know today. \$6 members, \$10 general public.

tohonochulpark.org/classes-lectures-workshops/

Upcoming Classes at TBG

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

Join experts at the Tucson Botanical Gardens for a variety of classes throughout August:

“Shoulder Season Plantings” – Wed. Aug. 12, 8:30am - 10am

“Summer Chef Series,” Chef Ryan Clark (Agustín Kitchen), Sat. Aug. 15, 11am - 12pm

“Caught in a Web: Amazing Arachnids” – Thur. Aug. 20, 6 pm

“Designing with Gray Water” – Fri. Aug. 28, 9:30am – 11am

Preregistration is required for all classes. For questions or to register call 326-9686 ext. 18

or email education3@tucsonbotanical.org. For a complete list of classes visit:
www.tucsonbotanical.org/education/community-classes/.

Ongoing

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln

Saturdays 8 am – 12 pm, April to November; 12 pm – 4 pm, December to March

A re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson's historic San Agustín Mission. Features Sonoran Desert-adapted heritage fruit-trees, traditional local heirloom crops and edible native plants. *For guided tours call 520-777-9270 and leave message.*

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

"Summer Oasis Series" June through August features special hours, early bird weekends and dog admission. <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St

<http://hotelcongress.com>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

May 25, 2015 - September 7, 2015: FREE Admission for Military Families.

July 25, 2015 - October 11, 2015: Arizona Biennial 2015

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

February 7, 2015– February 7, 2016, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

"Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants," the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe.

<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>